

8th September 2016

Dear Parents and Guardians

As most of you are aware Ofsted conducted its inspection of Northmead just before we broke up for the summer holidays.

We are very pleased to announce that we have been judged '**GOOD**' in all four categories:

- Effectiveness of leadership and management
- Quality of teaching, learning and assessment
- Personal development, behaviour and welfare
- Outcomes for pupils

Naturally, the inspection has been warmly welcomed by all the teachers and Governors; the achievement is even more satisfying given the challenge of introducing the new national curriculum and a system of assessment for the progress and attainment of the children during the school year.

At the core of our success is the focused commitment of the School Leadership Team, our Governing Body and the whole staff team to keep pushing Northmead forward.

Praise must also go to our pupils. They once again demonstrated great respect for each other alongside a positive enthusiasm for learning; the ability to articulate their views, the pride they hold in their school and their achievements was clearly evident to Ofsted. The Inspectors had special praise for the exemplary conduct of pupils as they move around the school being visibly polite to one another and also to visitors.

The Headteacher, Senior Leaders and Governors have a determination to continue to drive the school forward ('good' progress has been made in all the areas highlighted for improvement in the previous inspection report in March 2014). With a long-term strategic plan in place and incredible commitment from all the staff, we are now focused on working towards an 'outstanding' rating.

Finally, we would like to acknowledge the support of all parents and guardians who speak so highly of our school and its achievements. Thank you for the invaluable role you all play and your continued support in the development and progress of Northmead Junior School.

Yours sincerely

Mrs. D Brown
Headteacher.

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